

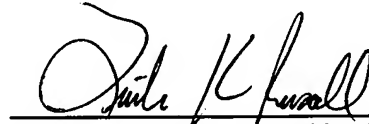
REMARKS / ARGUMENTS

In complete response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated January 19, 2005 on the above-identified application, reconsideration is respectfully requested. The text has been removed from claims 12 and 14 as requested by the Examiner.

CONCLUSION

Accordingly, it is believed that the present application now stands in condition for allowance. Early notice to this effect is earnestly solicited. Should the Examiner believe a telephone call would expedite prosecution of the application, he is invited to call the undersigned attorney at the number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,



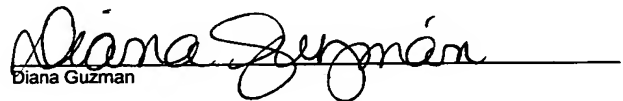
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